

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested for the purpose of clarifying the claims and to more particularly point out the invention.

Thus, Claim 20 is amended to insert the identifier "(a)" preceding the definition of the anthraquinone compound. Claim 21 has been amended to be consistent in the use of the identifiers (a) through (d).

In Claim 19, the amendment is necessary to point out that the anthraquinone process comprises three stages of hydrogenation, oxidation and extraction, and further, that the steps defined in the second half of the claim refer to the hydrogenation stage. The amendments also provide consistent grammar for the steps referring to the hydrogenation stage and the stages referring to the anthraquinone process.

Thus, it will be apparent that these changes are editorial in nature and do not introduce any new matter. Neither do these amendments require detailed consideration by the Examiner.

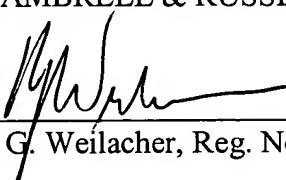
These amendments could not have been presented earlier since they are the result of a detailed review of the allowed claims by assignee's in house counsel in Germany.

Favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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